

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 27, 2004 was received and an Amendment was filed on January 25, 2005 in response thereto. Applicant respectfully request for continued examination of the present application together with the entry of the Amendments filed on January 25, 2005 as well as the following remarks submitted herewith. The contents of the Amendments filed January 25, 2005 are incorporated in the entirety by reference.

An Advisory Action was issued on February 16, 2005. The Advisory Action noted that the proposed amendments filed January 25, 2005 will NOT be entered because the phrase "the plurality of word lines and the sense amp group in each of the plurality of memory cell blocks are activated" as recited in claim 9 is considered new matter.

Applicant respectfully disagrees since all the subject matter recited in the claims of the present application, including the amended phrase at issue, is fully described and supported in the disclosure of the application. Therefore, Applicant traverses the Examiner's position.

In particular, Applicant highlights page 12, lines 5-30 of the specification as disclosing,

a method for conducting a multiple word line selection test on a semiconductor memory device provided with a plurality of memory cell blocks, which include a first memory cell block and a second memory cell block. Each of the memory cell blocks has a plurality of memory cells and a plurality of word lines connected to the memory cells. A plurality of sense amp groups are connected to the first and second memory cell blocks. Each of the sense amp groups amplifies cell information read from the plurality of memory cells of an associated one of the memory cell blocks. The

method includes a first step for activating one of the plurality of word lines in the first memory cell block and activating the sense amp group associated with the first memory cell block after a predetermined time. (Emphasis added.)

Clearly from the disclosure above, the subject matter recited in the proposed amendments is NOT new matter, since it is fully disclosed and described in the application as originally filed. As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the position taken in paragraph 3(b) of the Advisory Action.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 9-13 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art, and the subject matter is fully supported in the disclosure of the application. Applicants also submit that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claims non-obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully request that claim 9 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue, along with allowed claims 10-13.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 108075-00124.

Respectfully submitted,



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